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SPAGHETTI Supper

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LEGION HALL, HALIBURTON
FROM 5.30 - 7 p.m.

Adults \$1.00 Children 12 and under 50c
Enjoy Italian Style Spaghetti cooked by
Mrs. J. Carducci

TENDERS WANTED

5,000 yards of gravel crush at belt. Tenders to be in
the municipality office not later than March 14th.

G. BIBBY, Clerk,

Municipality of Anson, Hindon and Minden.

ST. PATRICK'S DANCE

CANADIAN LEGION HALL

Friday, March 17

Music by the AMBASSADORS from Lindsay
DANCING FROM 10 to 2 BUFFET LUNCH
TICKETS \$5.00 PER COUPLE

Tickets sold only in advance.

Tickets may be purchased at the Canadian Legion Hall,
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SALE OF TIMBER

TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE UNDERSIGNED up to and including Tuesday, March 21st, 1961, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the right to cut the timber on an area in Stanhope and Hindon Townships, County of Haliburton.

FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED upon application to the undersigned or from the District Forester at Lindsay, Ontario.

THE MINISTER IS NOT OBLIGED TO ACCEPT THE HIGHEST TENDER.

J. W. SPOONER,
MINISTER OF LANDS AND FORESTS

Vital to Community—

THE PRESERVATION
OF LIFE

The Canadian Red Cross Society's water safety service has been in operation for 15 years. It was instituted by the Red Cross in a conscientious effort to reduce the annual toll of deaths by drowning and to promote a healthful form of recreation, practised safely, for all who utilize our thousands of lakes, rivers, streams, ponds, swimming pools or oceans every year.

Considering the vast increase in the use of our waterways, our mounting population, and the marked increase in the number of persons participating in the Red Cross water safety program every year, there is no doubt that this Red Cross service has been markedly effective.

It can never be 100% effective, however, as long as there are those who insist, whether wilfully or unwillingly, upon ignoring the rules of water safety or who otherwise neglect to avail themselves of the water safety skills and knowledge available to all.

The Red Cross water safety service does not itself teach pupils to swim, one of the primary steps toward the greater safety of the individual and others who are on, in or near the water. What the Red Cross does do is to teach and qualify instructors, who in turn carry out the Red Cross pupil training program in their own communities.

This instructor training is available to every and any community, through the service offered by the 10 provincial divisions of the Canadian Red Cross. Any community or organization wishing to provide candidates for Red Cross water safety instructor training course should contact the local Red Cross branch or provincial Red Cross division water safety service.

Much of this Red Cross instructor training and qualification takes place during the winter. Therefore, now is the time for communities and organizations to prepare for the saving of lives in the coming spring and summer months.

Its water safety service is just one of the many ways in which the Red Cross serves the inhabitants of this community and thousands like it throughout the nation. It is one of the many Red Cross services you support with your contribution to the annual Red Cross March campaign for funds.

It is up to each one of us to see that the water safety and other Red Cross services of vital importance to the community are not curtailed, by giving to the best of our means.

When the Red Cross volunteer canvasser calls at your door, please be generous. Your contribution helps to save lives. And who knows? One day it might be your own.

NOTICE

Commencing Thursday Jan. 12, 1961, classified ads, in memoriams, cards of thanks, will not be received over the telephone. They must be sent in by mail or brought in person, accompanied with the money. All classified ads from henceforth will be on a cash basis. A minimum charge is 50 cents per issue.

Other rates are: Obituaries free, death notices 75c, in memoriams \$1, cards of thanks 75c.

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NATIONAL ELECTRICAL WEEK FEB. 7 - FEB. 13

IN QUEST OF YESTERDAY A HISTORY OF HALIBURTON

by NILA REYNOLDS

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Instalment Thirty-Four THE MINDEN STORY Chapter 11

As a festival, Christmas in the Minden of 1890 was more of a family affair. Gifts were largely limited to items of a more practical nature. An advertisement for a special pre-Christmas sale at Pearce's general store ("no goods allowed to remain on our shelves!") in 1884 concentrates on boots and shoes and articles of assorted clothing for the whole family. The only items listed suggesting frivolity and festivity are: "fancy clouds" at 50 cents and "fancy polkas" at a dollar. One can't help speculating on the purpose served by either a "cloud" or "polka" be they fancy or plain.

Christmas dinner receives more attention for a seasonal bargain sheet features currants, bright sugar, raisins and figs; all likely ingredients of Christmas cakes and puddings.

Edward Noice's ledger for the years of 1893 and 1894 reveals that his establishment was open for business both years on December 25. Excessive buying during the Yuletide season on anything approaching today's scale does not appear to have been the custom.

However, Dr. Curry seems to have celebrated the birth of our Saviour in a style worthy of Charles Dickens's reformed Scrooge. We find him purchasing a 9¼ pound goose for 65 cents.

The term general store covered just about anything. Noice speculated in all sorts of unlikely commodities including raw wool from sheep owners and hides and tallow in large quantities from Reuben Henderson of Boskung who supplied lumber camps like Gilmours and Rathburns with both hay and slaughter animals.

Before the invention of the pound butter printer, the storekeepers used to buy butter tubs of spruce and ash and distribute them to local farm wives who packed them with sweet butter for shipment to several Toronto firms which also purchased huge quantities of eggs.

To indicate the scale of dairy operations in September of 1894, Noice received \$729.20 for 4,862 pounds of butter and \$83.02 for 12 additional tubs. Freight charges for transporting the produce to Gelert were \$6.

Trade was the key to most transactions. As an example J. C. Hogg (Lime Kiln Jack), exchanged burned lime for merchandise; a trapper brought in several mink skins to be applied to his account while a hunter was given credit of \$6.02 on the understanding that he would pay it off in deer.

Evidently it wasn't considered genteel for a lady to try on boots or shoes in the store. Numerous entries show that female customers always took home two pairs of foot wear and returned the rejected ones which didn't fit.

For pipe smokers of the 1960's who favor the Old Chum branch of pipe tobacco, it might prove interesting to learn that their favorite weed retailed in 1894 for a dime.

A Daisy church (a vast improvement on the dash variety) sold for \$4.35 when butter was 12 to 15 cents a pound and at the same time a pair of driving boots with caulks cost \$2.75. Men's suits ranged from \$7 to \$12 and 10 yards of better quality ladies' dress goods sold for a dollar.

Reading an 1894 ledger is not as dry as it may sound. Between the lines one can trace the triumphs and tragedies of the whole village. A young girl, maybe a teacher in training at the model school, buys new dress material plus the buttons and ribbons to trim it to her fancy. Maybe she is going to be a bridesmaid at her sister's wedding. Some one buys a "Model" cook stove, pipes and elbows, pots, pans and a tea kettle for an expenditure of \$30. Perhaps a young couple are setting up housekeeping for the first time. A young man purchases his first suit of clothes on his employer's account while a hunter buys a long desired Winchester rifle for \$13.75 and 90 cents for cartridges—all happy events.

But the shadows are there too. We find Mr. Noice humanely opening his store on Sunday, February

18, 1894, to give Thomas Bradley lawn, ribbons, etc. A terse notation records that they were for a Gouldie child's funeral. The Angel of Death was all too busy during the winter of 1894. Again and again the list of purchases indicates tragedy—rolls of crepe, casket handles, hinges, plates and ornaments—all the trappings of death.

The major luxury acquisition during the two years covered by the ledger was a ladie's fur cape for which the fabulous sum of \$27.50 was paid, practically a working man's wages for a month. Imagine the stir the proud owner must have caused when she wore it to church next Sunday. How the heads must have turned as she walked up the aisle! You can bet she thought it was worth every penny of the \$27.50, and the whispers of envy it excited from the rest of the congregation.

Corsets were a top selling commodity with remale customers when, for a dollars expenditure, my lady could improve her figure if not her temper. How they ever managed to walk and what is more do a man sized days work while wearing that lung squeezing, heart constricting armor of steel, whalebone and heavy cotton strung together with yards of lacing is a mystery the women of today find hard to fathom. Grandma was certainly made of good stuff!

In the days when a decent house in the village of Minden rented for \$55 a year, a business man's life was hedged with difficulties. Cash was scarce and the shop owner was daily expected to make ledger entries for a credit purchase of as little as five cents which might have to be carried on his books for months before it was paid.

Credit was universal for most farmers brought in produce and then made purchases up to its value. Generally the purchase exceeded the produce and its balance had to be charged up to a promised hog or tub of butter. There were times when these did not materialize until the following year. Emergency expenditures, like an unexpected death in the family, meant a heavy outlay for coffin and mourning clothes. In most cases there was no surplus

cash to cover the crisis which had to be applied to an account on Mr. Noice's ledger.

As Mr. Edward Noice's business expanded, he took as a partner Mr. Hubert Soward who had married Miss Alberta Stinson, a daughter of Thomas Stinson who owned the Minden mills.

Eventually Mr. Soward, in the early 1900's bought out Mr. Noice's interest and became sole owner of the business.

During their stay in Minden, Mr. and Mrs. Soward raised a family of four boys and one girl who have achieved distinction in many fields.

One son, Clifford, became president of the Maple Leaf Milling Co.; Harold was elected treasurer of the Chartered Trust Co.; Reginald, the lawyer of the family, became a chancellor of the Anglican church for the diocese of Toronto, while a fourth son, Frederick H. Soward, born at Minden in 1899, has made education his profession with remarkable success.

A veteran of World War I who enlisted as soon as he reached 18, Professor Soward did graduate work at both the University of Edinburgh and Oxford. At Vancouver, where he has resided since 1922, he became head of the department of history and director of international studies at the University of British Columbia.

He visited both post-war Germany and Japan with study groups and in 1951 received a Carnegie corporation grant to tour all Commonwealth countries and study external affairs.

Frederick H. Soward is a past president of the Canadian Historical Association. In January of 1957, while serving as associate dean of the department of graduate studies at the University of British Columbia, he went to New York as a member of the Canadian delegation to the United Nations general assembly.

The village of Minden has every reason to take pride in the impressive achievement of Dean Frederick Soward who once attended its public school.

(Continued next week)

Stanhope Council

The following are the minutes of the March 1 meeting of Stanhope council with all members present.

Moved by John Broderick, seconded by William Cowen, that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted as read. Carried.

Moved by Alex Hewitt, seconded by John Broderick, be it resolved that we again approach the Dept. of Transport, at Ottawa, through our member, Clayton W. Hodgson, regarding the damage sustained to the tourist industry by the improper handling of the water level in this district. We would therefore most urgently request that steps be taken at once to maintain a level to preserve the fish, for the only industry we have in the county—the tourist.

Moved by Alex Hewitt, seconded by Allan Sisson, that we donate the Minden Agricultural Society the sum of \$100 on their new building. Carried.

Moved by Allan Sisson, seconded by John Broderick, that the reeve and clerk be authorized to fill the papers pertaining to the signing of cheques and to certify the resolution of the ninth day of April, 1958 with the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Minden. Carried.

Moved by John Broderick, seconded by Alex Hewitt, that the correspondence be filed for future reference. Carried.

Moved by John Broderick, seconded by Allan Sisson, that the following are hereby appointed as honorary fire

wardens for the coming year in this township: Gordon Sawyer; chief, Gordon Carr; Edward Harrison; Fred Grant and Wilfred Mason. Carried.

Moved by Alex Hewitt, seconded by William Cowen, that we put up "half load" signs on the north shore road as of this date. Carried.

Moved by William Cowen, seconded by John Broderick, that we ask the district engineer for the approval to ask for tenders to be called for the crushing of 4,000 cu. yds. of crush.

Moved by John Broderick, seconded by Alex Hewitt, that we secure prices for the purpose of purchasing a suitable typewriter for township work. Carried.

Moved by Alex Hewitt, seconded by Allan Sisson, that we accept the road vouchers as presented for payment. Carried.

Moved by William Cowen, seconded by Allan Sisson, that the reeve and road superintendent be a committee to have the concession in front of Mr. Albert Davis looked after at once. Carried.

Moved by William Cowen, seconded by Allan Sisson, that accounts amounting to \$22.05 and No. 3 road voucher of \$668.81 be paid. Carried.

By-law No. 3-61 received the three readings and was passed.

Moved by John Broderick, seconded by Allan Sisson, that this meeting adjourn until April 5 at 10 a.m. unless called sooner by the reeve. Carried.

THE ECHO
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IS 350



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Mrs. Ronnie Howe
PHONE 258

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EVERY THURSDAY

8:30 p.m.

JACKPOT \$50.00

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